

President, Manon Prévost-Mullane. Manon Prévost-Mullane served as Canadian delegate for SWY 7, SWY 9 National Leader, Chair 1998 International SWY Alumni Conference, and Canadian Educational Delegate for REN2002. As a co-founding member of SWYAA International during SWY7 and the Canadian Alumni Association in 1995, Manon has worn many hats for SWY Canada. Following her SWY 7 experience, Manon felt it would well serve future Canadian delegations and Admin staff to have a SWY-experienced NL and as a test case, she was the first OPY to become NL. In addition, she developed and delivered the 3-day pre-departure training program that had not existed for Canada. Professionally, Manon worked in intercultural and higher education programs in Canada, the US, and Japan. She immigrated to the US in 2006 to join her husband in Lake Placid, NY and became a dual citizen in 2009. Recently, Manon earned her Master of Arts in Intercultural Relations from the University of the Pacific.

Manon is excited to use her experiences to revitalize the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association USA and is thankful for the opportunity to give back to the SWY program that profoundly changed her life.

The position of Vice-President is currently open. If you or someone you know would be a good fit and are interested, please send an email to swyaausa@gmail.com. Nominations will be taken until further notice.

The position of Secretary/Communications Director is currently open. If you or someone you know would be a good fit and are interested, please send an email to swyaausa@gmail.com. Nominations will be taken until further notice.

Treasurer, Jim Piechowski. Jim Piechowski represented the United States as a participating youth for SWY 9 and as National Leader for SWY 16. He has been a member of the SWYAA USA since its inception. Jim has spent his entire professional career working for nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth, professional growth, and international development. His interest in Japan grew early in his career as he was involved in the administration of youth exchange programs for students in agriculture and managed the relationship between organizations in Japan and the US. He later managed J1 visa programs through the US Department of State and managed incoming and outgoing individual and group educational experiences for high school and college students around the world. Today, he is Director of International Operations for the Institute of Management Accountants, overseeing the management and development of IMA's regional offices and staff in Asia/Pacific, Europe, Middle East/Africa, India, and South East Asia.

Jim is honored to use his experiences with the Ship for World Youth and various global nonprofit organizations to serve SWYAA USA.

Advisor to the Board, Augustine Bartning. Augustine (aka Auggie) Bartning represented SWY USA on board SWY 17 in 2005. Auggie has worked in higher education consulting, real estate and politics for the past 20 years while being an active alumnus of SWYAA USA. He has participated in six SWYAA Global Assemblies (Egypt, Peru, Turkey, Fiji, India and United Arab Emirates) and represented the United States at the Tokyo Conference in March 2016. As immediate past president, Auggie brings his unique blend of local and global activities to the Board. He is proud of the Board's recent accomplishments of earning full member status in SWYAA International and remains optimistic that USA will be invited on board the Nippon Maru in the near future.

Living back in his hometown of Phoenix, Auggie is an avid hiker and has contributed to numerous local committees and boards.